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SUBJECT: DUTCH CANDIDATE FOR OECD WORKING PARTY TWO

1. AN ADVISOR TO ECONOMICS MINISTER LUBBERS, DR ARIE
PUTTER, CALLED US OCTOBER 11 TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE DUTCH
CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF OECD WORKING PARTY TWO, ON MEDIUM-
TERM POLICY. HE SAID THE REQUEST WAS OFFICIAL AND WOULD
BE TRANSMITTED ALSO THROUGH THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE CANDIDATE, PROFESSOR C.A. VAN DEN BELD, HAS BEEN
DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL PLANNING BUREAU SINCE
1966. BEFORE THAT, HE WAS AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT ERASMUS
UNIVERSITY IN ROTTERDAM, FROM WHICH HE HAS A MASTERS IN
ECONOMICS. VAN DEN BELD IS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC
COUNCIL, AN ADVISORY BODY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS. HE HAS
EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTING AND USING MACROECONOMIC
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3. COMMENT: VAN DEN BELD IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN
TO US. HE HAS ALWAYS COOPERATED IN GIVING US THE BENEFIT
OF HIS VIEWS AND IN MAKING AVAILABLE COLLEAGUES WHO COULD
ANSWER QUESTIONS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE ECONOMY. HE
HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY AT ODDS WITH THE ECONOMIC POLICY

OF THE SOCIALIST-LED GOVERNMENT, POINTING OUT THE ADVERSE
CONSEQUENCES ON EMPLOYMENT AND PRICES IN THE MEDIUM-TERM
IF THE GOVERNMENT CARRIED THROUGH ITS HIGH LEVEL OF
PLANNED EXPENDITURES. HE CAN TAKE SOME CREDIT FOR THE
FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CUTTING BACK, ALTHOUGH
NOT BY AS MUCH AS VAN DEN BELD THINKS NECESSARY.
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